



U.S. EPA Stakeholder Meetings on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative



AGENDA

The President's 2010 budget provides \$475 million for a new interagency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) that will target the most significant problems in the Great Lakes region. On behalf of the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force, U.S. EPA is meeting with each of the Great Lakes states, tribal authorities, and the public to 1) provide background on the GLRI and current plans for implementing it; 2) solicit ideas and feedback on how to make the GLRI effective in addressing problems affecting the Great Lakes; and 3) learn about restoration plans and activities being pursued by other partners so they can be considered as the GLRI moves forward.

Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
Welcoming Remarks and Introductions	U.S. EPA representative
Review of Meeting Goals and Agenda	Great Lakes Commission facilitator
Summary of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and relationship to the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration • FY 2010 funding plan and implementation process 	U.S. EPA representative
Draft Great Lakes Multi-Year Restoration Action Plan Outline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Discussion 	U.S. EPA representative
Ideas and Feedback on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	All
Wrap Up - Adjourn	Great Lakes Commission facilitator

Discussion Points – Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

We want your comments and ideas on maximizing the effectiveness of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, particularly the draft Great Lakes Multi-Year Restoration Action Plan Outline.

We would like to know if the plan is focused on the right priorities, and whether the goals, objectives, targets, and measures of progress are appropriate.

We would also like to know what actions are planned by your organizations that need to be considered in developing the Multi-Year Restoration Action Plan Outline.

Another important discussion point is whether the priorities and actions contained in the plan are consistent with the current understanding of science regarding the Great Lakes Ecosystem.